dated 31st July, 1997. The Administrator also redesignated an existing post of Chief Estate Officer as that of Executive Officer and appointed one Regional Officer as the Executive Officer at the Board's Head Office at Ambala Cantt. While the Administrator was within his powers to create the posts of Regional Officers, he erred in redesignating the existing post of Chief Estate Officer as Executive Officer while entrusting the incumbent with the duties of Acting Secretary of the Board because under section 38 of the Wakf Act, 1995, a Board can appoint an Executive Officer for a Wakf have a gross annual income of not less than Rupees Five lakh. Whereas in this case the Executive Officer was to look after all the Wakfs under the jurisdiction of the Punjab Wakf Board. The Administrator also appointed Senior Regional Officer in contravention of Government directives. The Government has appointed a new Administrator on 5th June, 1998 replacing the former Administrator who had erred in redesignating the post of Chief Estate Officer as the executive Officer and had defied the directions of the Government regarding appointments. The Government had earlier ordered replacement of the Executive Officer by the senior most officer of the Board who is to function as Acting Secretary till the appointment of a Chief Executive officer under section 23 of the Wakf Act, 1995. The Government has further directed the new Administrator to stay execution of all the orders of transfers/postings/promotions etc. passed by the former Administrator during the last one month of his tenure subject to a review by the new Administrator. This direction has been complied with by the new Administrator.

Dismissed employees of PWB

4379. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of employees of Punjab Wakf Board who have been dismissed, suspended or otherwise penalised on charges of curruption and malpractices;

(b) the names of those employees against who inquiries/action is in progress/ contemplated for curruption and malpractices; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to weed out corrupt employees and to end corruption in Punjab Wakf Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Twelve employees of the Board have been dismissed from service while 6 others have been suspended. Their names are as follows:

(i) *Employees dismissed:*— Sarva Shri Mohd. Siddque, Mohd. Sabir, Sain Dass, Mohd. Yameen Ansari, Mohd. Baksh, Karim Baksh, Niamatullah Siddiqui, Akbar Khan, Hassan Mohd., Liaqat Ali, Subba Din and M.A. Warsi.

(ii) *Employees suspended:* Sarva Shri Danishwar Ali, Zahoor Ahmed, Mohd. Nazir, Mohd. Ramzan, Aas Mohd-I, and Sobat Khan.

(b) Names of twenty six (26) employees against whom inquiries action is in progress/ contemplated for corruption and malpractices are as follows:—

Sarva Shri Abdul Jabbar-I, Abdul Waheed, Shamsuddin, Sher Mohd., Mohd. Israil, Ghulam Rasool, Khurshid Ahmed, Abhul Hafiz, Qamruddin, M.M. Shamsi, Mohd. Sharif, Jamil Ahmad, Nazir Hussain, Ali Mohd., Vilayat Mohd., Taj Mohd. Rana, Mohd. Shafique, Mohar Khan, Mohd. Hanif, Kamaluddin, Deen Mohd., Mohd. Shoeb, Mohd. Wakil, Mehmood Ali, Tajuddin, and Tayyab Hussain.

(c) In order to weed out corrupt employees and corruption in Punjab Wakf Board, the Board has initiated certain measures which include internal controls/checks, auditing and surprise checking by the Vigilance Officer of the Board. All complaints received against the employees of the Board are inquired into by the Inquiry Officer of the Board and full-fledged section namely "Displinary Action Cell" has also been established in the Board to initiate action against corrupt employees. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under whose administrative control the Board is functioning also takes suitable action on the complaints received by it against the corrupt employees of the Board.